

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
FIRE DISTRICT No. 1
Bridgewater Township
PO Box 109, MARTINSVILLE, N. J. 08836**

Martinsville Station # 1
Martinsville, NJ
March 13, 2012

Minutes of the March 13, 2012 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by Chairman Rose, who gave notice of the Sunshine Law requirements.

Present were Commissioners: Mr. Rose, Mr. Lichtig, Mr. Kalafsky, Mr. Van Nostrand; and Mr. Durant, Also present were Chief Bradley and Asst. Chief Cowley.

Chairman Rose requested that the regular order of business be suspended at this time for the re-organization and swearing in of the newly elected Board Members.

Swearing in of the two elected Commissioners (William Rose & Howard Van Nostrand) by Clerk of the Board Kalafsky took place, Mr. Kalafsky made a motion that all positions of the Board Members stay the same as the previous year, Motion unanimously passed ***Roll call same as above;***

Regular business resumed.

The minutes of the February 14, 2012 meeting were distributed via e-mail and hard copy. Motion made by Mr. Kalafsky to approve, second by Mr. Van Nostrand and passed.

The Treasurer's report for February, as of March 13, 2012, was presented by Mr. Van Nostrand , motion made by Mr. Lichtig to approve; second by Mr. Durant and passed. The bills for February 2012 were presented and approved. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Kalafsky, second by Mr. Lichtig, and passed unanimously.

Chairman Rose noted that a substantial amount of invoices (Approximately \$20,000.00) from the previous Chief and five (5) checks have not been cashed or were lost equaling approx. \$600.00. Discussion followed that it would be more costly to "stop payment" and reissue but standard business practice is to stop payment. It was decided to stop payment and reissue following standard business practices.
All 2011 Meeting minutes will be sent to Mr. Jinks now operating as Metis Group LLC.

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:20 PM. It was requested that all wishing to speak must stand, state their name and address:

Jim Murray, 1371 Roger Ave., Bridgewater, NJ addressed the Board and requested an obsolete, unused fire extinguisher bracket that has been stored under the radio deck at station # 2 for some time. Mr. Murray offered to pay for the bracket but the Board and Chief agreed to let Mr. Murray have it at no charge since he has so graciously contributed to the FD over the years with his personal supply of parts.

Chairman Rose gave another opportunity to the attending public for anyone wishing to make a statement, comment, or be heard. No additional requests were made; the meeting was closed to the Public at 8:21 PM.

Correspondence:

A letter to Bill Weidele was sent via regular US Postal Service regarding the condition of the Dell laptop computer when returned after his tenure as Chief. No Response has been received at this time.

Discussion on the condition followed: Mr. Lichtig assured the Board that he personally inspected, cleaned any unnecessary files and provided a completely functional piece of computer equipment available to Ex-Chief Weidele at the time of his tenure as Chief.

NOTE FOR THE RECORD: Chief Bradley presented a printed copy of a lengthy E-mail from John Kovacs addressing the computer issue letter sent to Mr. Weidele. The e-mail was sent just prior to 5:00 pm March 13, 2012. Mr. Weidele also sent a short e-mail regarding a letter written by John Lichtig and signed by Jim Kalafsky; presumably the letter was referring to the one sent to him requesting an explanation on the condition of the Dell laptop computer and referred all questions to John Kovacs. **Discussion on the Damage: How, why, when and why it wasn't reported to the Board has not been addressed.**

The Chief's report for January 2012 was distributed; no questions were raised.

A motion was made by Mr. Kalafsky to accept the Chief's report, second by Mr. Lichtig, and was approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Martinsville Rescue Squad: No Report at this time.

Insurance: Rates will be the same as last year, **no increase.**

The Chief was requested to submit a list of members for the LOSAP & Insurance. One Member turned 20 and is overdue, two Members turned 18. Members are available for LOSAP. The list will be presented to Mr. Tanga in person by Bill Rose.

Discussion on having members over the age of 65 to receive the incentive plan rather than removing them from the program at 65 years of age

Fire House Lease: The Board is still waiting for the new lease agreement letter to be provided by the FD President.

Membership and Personnel: No new Members at this time; A few potentials.

Trucks Out of District: Non at this time.

Bridgewater Joint Board: Meeting 3/20/2012 at Bradley Gardens, two District #1 Board Members planning on attending.

Firefighter Incentive: *See above under insurance*, Chief to clarify a few items and present lists to the Board.

New Development: No Report at this time.

Long Range Planning: Front Ramp / Apron at station #1, Roof at Station #2, both will qualify for capital improvement fund Rental Reserve. Question as to how much money is in the Capital fund and to request the allocated funds.

Vehicle Training: On Going; Training Folders are being developed for each Member.

Retired Equipment: All Equipment has been inventoried, boxed up, and being delivered to the County for auction, All proceeded will be returned to the Board.

Resolution 12-04 was read and passed to inventory all tangible retired inventories and have Somerset County auction it off with the proceeded to be returned back to the Board. This process was approved by Richard Braslow.

New Business:

Recurring Yearly Resolutions: 12-05 through 12-13 (On File) were written and read and approved unanimously.

Stolen Gear Racks: A police report written 2/28/2012 by BWPD officer Scott Hobbs was received for the stolen gear racks from station #2 stored in the parking lot at station #1. A claim will be submitted to the insurance company.

Lost Pager: Zack Kahl lost his pager about 6 months ago; Bill Rose will contact the insurance company.

New Fleet Apparatus: The Chief request for a preliminary discussion about new apparatus with the Board.

A motion to adjourn the March 13, 2012 meeting was made by Mr. Rose, and seconded by Mr. Kalafsky. The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 pm.

Martinsville Volunteer Fire Department
Chief's Report

February-12

Event No.	Date	Address	# of Members	M-F DT Call	Total Hours	Mutual Aid Company
30	3/2/2012	Hamilton School	13	Y	13	
31	3/2/2012	1990 Washington Valley Blvd.	12	N	12	
33	3/5/2012	832 Sunset Ridge	11	N	5.5	
34	3/8/2012	980 Severin Drive	18	Y	9	
35	3/9/2012	6 Wishnow Way	6	Y	3	
36	3/16/2012	1246 US Hwy 202/206	15	Y	15	
37	3/16/2012	Chimney Rock/Loft Dr. Offices	11	N	5.5	
38	3/17/2012	Old Tullo Rd./Steel Gap	16	N	8	
39	3/21/2012	926 Papen Rd.	14	N	14	
40	3/27/2012	Washington Valley Rd/Chimney Rock	10	Y	5	
41	3/27/2012	900 Voseller Ave.	10	Y	5	
42	3/31/2012	1382 Well Rd.	14	N	7	
Total Fire Calls					102	

Training/Drills/Work Detail

3/3/2012	Truck Check - 103	3.0
3/4/2012	Truck Check - 102	1.0
3/4/2012	Truck Check - 151	1.0
3/5/2012	Driver Training - 141	3.0
3/6/2012	Truck Check - 151	1.0
3/7/2012	Preplan Ladder Drill	4.0
3/7/2012	Foam/Fuel Operations	5.0
3/9/2012	Truck Check - 103	2.5
3/9/2012	Driver Training - 103	2.0
3/9/2012	Truck Check -	1.0
3/10/2012	Truck Check - 103	3.0
3/10/2012	Driver Training - 141	4.0
3/10/2012	Driver Training - 141	6.0
3/11/2012	Practice Pump Ops - 141	12.5
3/12/2012	Monthly Drill - Ladder Evolution	45.0
3/12/2012	Truck Check - 151	1.0
3/13/2012	Truck Check - 102	2.0
3/14/2012	Truck Check - 141	4.0
3/19/2012	Truck Check - 151	1.0
3/19/2012	Truck Check - 145	1.0
3/22/2012	Medivac Operation/Safety	6.0
3/23/2012	Truck Check - 141	2.0
3/25/2012	Truck Check - 101	1.5
3/25/2012	Truck Check - 103	2.5
3/26/2012	Truck Check - 102	2.0
3/26/2012	Monthly Truck Work (Station 1)	26.0
3/26/2012	Monthly Truck Work (Station 2)	24.0
3/30/2012	Truck Check - 141	3.0
Total Training		170.0

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	Meetings	
3/5/2012	Monthly Meeting	25.0
3/13/2012	Commissioners Meeting	10.5
3/19/2012	Line Officers Meeting	10.5
3/22/2012	Executive Officers Meeting	9.0
	Total Meetings	55.0
	Total	327.0
	SAD	
3/3/2012	Discard outdated paint	1.0
3/3/2012	Refuel 151	1.0
3/6/2012	Prepare minutes	3.5
3/7/2012	Refuel 141	2.0
3/8/2012	Review Bills - IT Consultant	12.0
3/10/2012	Prepare obsolete equip. for auction	10.0
3/10/2012	Sort mail/prepare deposit - 2nd fund drive	3.0
3/10/2012	Float water pump test	15.0
3/10/2012	Search brush fire routes in District 1	12.5
3/11/2012	St. Patrick's Day Parade	82.5
3/14/2012	Picked up coolant	1.0
3/15/2012	Knox box report	3.5
3/17/2012	Setup & Prepare for St. Patrick's Day party	2.0
3/17/2012	Setup & Prepare for St. Patrick's Day party	8.0
3/17/2012	Setup & Prepare for St. Patrick's Day party	4.0
3/17/2012	Repack inventory for disposal	10.5
3/18/2012	Recovery of Gear & Equipment	1.0
3/21/2012	Service call - 103 air compressor	4.0
3/23/2012	Purchase paint samples - ext. sign	6.0
3/25/2012	Remove MDT from 43-102	0.5
3/27/2012	Fix gas keys - 145 & 101	1.0
3/28/2012	Prepare letters to newcomers	1.5
3/28/2012	Interview prospective new members	2.0
	Total SADs	187.5